



New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Ruling #: **2025-RUI-69**
Track: Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/26/2025

Licensee: **HERNANDEZ, JUAN ALFREDO**
License Type: 2024 1 Year Trainer Applicant Id: 166803
License Number: 314323

Ruling # 2025-RUI-69

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Trainer Juan A. Hernandez, having been properly noticed for his disciplinary hearing appeared before the Ruidoso Downs @ D.A.A Board of Stewards on August 26, 2025, at 10 A.M. regarding participation in races on May 23, 2025, at Sunray Park while under suspension (per Ruling 2024-LES-476-0098) issued by the Texas Racing Commission.

After hearing testimony and viewing evidence presented, this Ruling is written in accordance with NMAC Rule 15.2.1.9 B. (22) Reciprocity

15.2.1.9 B. (22) The stewards shall honor rulings from recognized regulatory organizations or other pari-mutuel jurisdictions regarding license suspensions, revocation or eligibility of horses.

16.47.1.10 C. (17) Representing an owner in making entries and scratches and in **all other matters pertaining to racing**; horses entered as to eligibility and weight or other allowances claimed

For this violation the Board of Stewards issues the following penalties:

1. A fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) which must be paid on or before September 8, 2025, in accordance with NMAC 15.2.3.8 B. (3)(e). Failure to pay the fine within the prescribed time may result in immediate suspension. Pursuant to NMAC 15.2.1.9 A. (7)(f) all fines imposed by the Stewards shall be paid to the Commission within 14 days after the Ruling is issued, unless otherwise ordered.

2. A fifteen-day (15) day suspension starting August 26, 2025, through September 9, 2025, Inclusive.

In accordance with Rule 15.2.1.9 B. (21)(a)(b), Juan A. Hernandez will be excluded from all areas and grounds under the jurisdiction of the NMRC. Additionally, effective upon applicable suspension dates, all horses owned, trained, or under the care of Juan A. Hernandez are ineligible to be entered or start in any race in this jurisdiction, per Rule 15.2.1.9 B. (21)(c). Pursuant to Rule 15.2.6.9 A. (13) horses shall not be transferred to a licensed person within the first degree of affinity or consanguinity.

This Ruling is written in accordance with NMAC:



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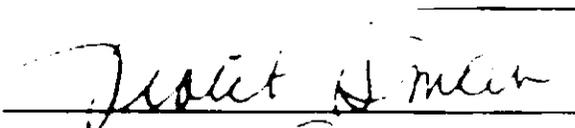
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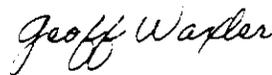
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- 15.2.1.8 B. Commission General Authority
- 15.2.1.9 A. Proceedings Before the Stewards
- 15.2.1.9 A. (8)(c)
- 15.2.3.8 B. Stewards
- 15.2.6.11 Trainer Responsibility
- 16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority
- 16.47.1.8 A. (1)(2) License Required
- 16.47.1.8 L. (1) Grounds for Disciplinary Measures
- 16.47.1.8 L. (1)(e)(g)(h)(i)
- 16.47.1.8 N. Changes in Application
- 16.47.1.8 T. Knowledge of Rules
- 16.47.1.10 Trainers
- 16.47.1.10 C. (28)

15.2.1.9 A. (9)(b): Which states in pertinent part that "An appeal under this section must be filed not later than 10 days after the date of the ruling. If the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the period is extended to include the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. The appeal must be received by noon, at the main commission offices or with the stewards who issued the ruling and must be accompanied by a fee in the amount of \$400. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check, money order." The last day to file an appeal is September 5, 2025.

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards









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Ruling #: **2025-RUI-70**
Track: Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/26/2025

Licensee: DIAZ-ORTIZ, LEONEL

License Type: 2022 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 162459
License Number: 306000

Ruling # 2025-RUI-70

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Leonel Diaz-Ortiz was duly notified and represented by his Trainer Juan A. Hernandez, who appeared before the Ruidoso Downs @ D.A.A. Board of Stewards on August 26, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., regarding the participation of his horse "Run Bubba Run" the 5th place finisher in race 8 on May 23, 2025, at Sunray Park, while his Trainer Juan A. Hernandez was under suspension by the Texas Racing Commission. (per Ruling 2024-LES-476-0098)

Juan A. Hernandez was the trainer of record on May 23, 2025.

Leonel Diaz-Ortiz was the Owner of the horse "Run Bubba Run" on May 23, 2025.

After hearing testimony and viewing evidence presented, this Ruling is written in accordance with NMAC Rule 15.2.1.9 B. (22) Reciprocity

15.2.1.9 B. (22) The stewards shall honor rulings from recognized regulatory organizations or other pari-mutuel jurisdictions regarding license suspensions, revocation or eligibility of horses.

The NMRC Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.13 E. (4)(d), "Run Bubba Run" is disqualified and unplaced for all but pari-mutuel wagering purposes.

Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.14 D. (7) and Rule 15.2.3.8 B. (3)(j), the purse redistribution is as follows:

- 1) Mitole Two Socks
- 2) Favorite Valentine Z
- 3) Gallant Gent
- 4) Juniors Legacy
- 5) Sherman T Potter
- 6) Lethal Fast Man
- 7) Aa Sweet Regal

Unplaced: Run Bubba Run



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Licensee: DIAZ-ORTIZ, LEONEL

License Type: 2022 3 Year Owner Applicant Id: 162459
License Number: 306000

This Ruling is written in accordance with the following NMAC Commission Rules:

- 15.2.1.8 B. Commission General Authority
- 15.2.1.9 A. Proceedings Before the Stewards
- 15.2.3.8 B. Stewards B. (1)(a)(c)(d)(3)(a-e)(h-i)
- 16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority
- 16.47.1.8 A. (1)(2) License Required
- 16.47.1.8 N. Changes in Application
- 16.47.1.8. T. Knowledge of Rules

Licensee's right to appeal: Rule 15.2.1.9 A. (9)(b) states in pertinent part "An appeal under this section must be filed not later than 10 days after the date of the ruling. If the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the period is extended to include the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. The appeal must be received by noon, at the main commission offices or with the stewards who issued the ruling and must be accompanied by a fee in the amount of \$400.00. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check or money order." The last day to file an appeal is **September 5, 2025.**

By Order of The Ruidoso Downs Stewards

Travis Simler

Geoff Wapler

M. J. [Signature]



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Ruling #: 2025-RUI-71
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/26/2025

Licensee: SOTO, MARTIN

License Type: 2024 1 Year Owner Applicant Id: 166813
License Number: 314352

Ruling # 2025-RUI-71

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Martin Soto was duly notified and represented by his Trainer Juan A. Hernandez who appeared before the Ruidoso Downs @ D.A.A. Board of Stewards on August 26, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. regarding the participation of his horse "Ms Turna" the 7th place finisher in race 2 on May 23, 2025, at Sunray Park, while his Trainer Juan A. Hernandez was under suspension by the Texas Racing Commission (per Ruling 2024-LES-476-0098).

Juan A. Hernandez was the trainer of record on May 23, 2025.

Martin Soto was the Owner of the horse "Ms Turna" on May 23, 2025.

After hearing testimony and viewing evidence presented, this Ruling is written in accordance with NMAC Rule 15.2.1.9 B. (22) Reciprocity

15.2.1.9 B. (22) The stewards shall honor rulings from recognized regulatory organizations or other pari-mutuel jurisdictions regarding license suspensions, revocation or eligibility of horses.

The NMRC Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.13 E. (4)(d), "Ms Turna" is disqualified and unplaced for all but pari-mutuel wagering purposes.

Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.14 D. (7) and Rule 15.2.3.8 B. (3)(j), the purse redistribution is as follows:

- 1) Honey Bee Vike
- 2) Honey Bunny
- 3) Sheza Relentles
- 4) Ronnie Jude
- 5) Chicsy Chicks
- 6) Flasin Courage
- 7) Unwavering
- 8) Morning Starr
- 9) Koool



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Licensee: SOTO, MARTIN

License Type: 2024 1 Year Owner Applicant Id: 166813
License Number: 314352

Unplaced: Ms Turna

This Ruling is written in accordance with the following Commission Rules:

- 15.2.1.8 B. Commission General Authority
- 15.2.1.9 A. Proceedings Before the Stewards
- 15.2.3.8 B. Stewards B. (1)(a)(c)(d)(3)(a-e)(h-i)
- 16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority
- 16.47.1.8 A. (1)(2) License Required
- 16.47.1.8 N. Changes in Application
- 16.47.1.8. T. Knowledge of Rules

Licensee's right to appeal: Rule 15.2.1.9 A. (9)(b) states in pertinent part "An appeal under this section must be filed not later than 10 days after the date of the ruling. If the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the period is extended to include the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. The appeal must be received by noon, at the main commission offices or with the stewards who issued the ruling and must be accompanied by a fee in the amount of \$400.00. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check or money order."

The last day to file an appeal is **September 5, 2025.**

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Ruling #: 2025-RUI-72
Track Ruidoso Downs
Ruling Date: 8/28/2025

Licensee: BALDERRAMA, HUMBERTO PEREZ
License Type: 2024 1 Year Owner Applicant Id: 15492
License Number: 313982

Ruling # 2025-RUI-72

Action Type: Initial Ruling

Ruling:

Owner Humberto Balderrama having been properly noticed, failed to appear for his disciplinary hearing, which was held in absentia via Microsoft Teams, before the Ruidoso Downs @ D.A.A. Board of Stewards on August 25, 2025, at 9:30 A.M., regarding a confirmed positive test for Albuterol, a Class 3, Penalty A drug, by Industrial Laboratories (the official laboratory of the New Mexico Racing Commission), for sample #E548571 (Urine) on the horse "White Face Luck" who finished 2nd in the 4th race on June 22, 2025, at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack.

Split sample testing rights were afforded to and accepted by Trainer Steve Gomez and was confirmed positive in urine for Albuterol (Salbutamol) by Equine Integrity and Anti-Doping Sciences. Pursuant to Rule 15.2.6.10 D. (2).

Steve Gomez was the trainer of record for the horse "White Face Luck" on June 22, 2025.

Humberto Balderrama was the Owner for the horse "White Face Luck" on June 22, 2025.

In accordance with Rule 15.2.6.9 B. (4) Licensed Owner: This is Owner Humberto Balderrama's first offense within 365 days for a Class 3 Penalty A medication violation.

After hearing testimony and viewing evidence presented, Owner Humberto Balderrama is found to be in violation of NMAC Rules:

15.2.6.9 C. Medication Restrictions

15.2.6.9 C. (1) (4) There is no permissible concentration of clenbuterol or albuterol that is allowed to appear in any official sample. This includes samples collected from Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds.

16.47.1.8 U. (1) Protection of Horses.

The NMRC Board of Stewards hereby issue the following penalty:

Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.13 E. (4)(d), "White Face Luck" is disqualified and unplaced for all but pari-mutuel wagering purposes.

Pursuant to Rule 15.2.5.14 D. (7) and Rule 15.2.3.8 B. (3)(j), the purse redistribution is as follows:



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Licensee: **BALDERRAMA, HUMBERTO PEREZ**
License Type: 2024 1 Year Owner Applicant Id: 15492
License Number: 313982

- 1) Its Jess Me
- 2) Jess a Blazin Sixes
- 3) Hm Eyeblackpanther
- 4) Bannon
- 5) Flyin Hawaiian
- 6) Special Who
- 7) Como Tu Vike
- 8) Eye Am Gray Not Bay
- 9) King of the Vine

Unplaced: White Face Luck

The horse "White Face Luck" shall be placed on the veterinarian's list for 180 days (August 25, 2025, through February 21, 2025) and must pass a commission-approved examination before becoming eligible to be entered. (per Rule 15.2.6.9 B. (3)).

In the event an appeal is pursued from this Ruling, the horse "White Face Luck" shall remain on the Stewards' List until such time as the case is fully adjudicated.

This Ruling is written in accordance with the following Commission Rules:

- 15.2.1.8 B. Commission General Authority
- 15.2.1.9 A. Due Process and Disciplinary Action
- 15.2.3.8 B. Stewards
- 15.2.6.9 B. Penalty Recommendations
- 16.47.1.3 Statutory Authority
- 16.47.1.8 A. (1)(2) License Required
- 16.47.1.8 N. Changes in Application
- 16.47.1.8. T. Knowledge of Rules

Licensee's right to appeal: Rule 15.2.1.9 A. (9)(b) states in pertinent part "An appeal under this section must be filed not later than 10 days after the date of the ruling. If the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the period is extended to include the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. The appeal must be received by noon, at the main commission offices or with the stewards who issued the ruling and must be accompanied by a fee in the amount of \$400.00. The fee must be in the form of a cashier's check or money order." The last day to file an appeal is **September 4, 2025.**

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Geoff Wapler

Judith Smith